Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Message Text

PAGE 01 BONN 03802 141819 Z

50
ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 EA-11 SS-14 NEA-10 NSC-10 IO-12 ADP-00 AID-20

CEA-02 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-11 FRB-02 INR-09 NSAE-00

RSC-01 OPIC-12 TRSE-00 CIEP-02 LAB-06 SIL-01 SAL-01

OMB-01 RSR-01 CCO-00 AGR-20 OIC-04 /176 W
---------- 052740
R 141740 Z MAR 73
FM AMEMBASSY BONN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3876
INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA
AMEMBASSY ATHENS
AMEMBASSY BERN
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
AMEMBASSY DUBLIN
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
AMEMBASSY HELSINKI
AMEMBASSY LISBON
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG
AMEMBASSY MADRID
AMEMBASSY OSLO
AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY ROME
AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM
AMEMBASSY TOKYO
AMEMBASSY VIENNA
USMISSION GENEVA
USMISSION EC BRUSSELS UNN
USMISSION OECD PARIS UNN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BONN 3802

E. O. 11652: GDS
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BONN 03802 141819 Z

TAGS: EGEN, OECD
SUBJ: OECD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEW STYLE

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

REF: A. STATE 41984; B. BONN 3492; C. BONN 2866

1. SUMMARY: WE MADE OUR REPRESENTATION ON THE UPCOMING XCNS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY STEEG, WHO WILL HEAD THE GERMAN DELEGATION. FRAU STEEG, A NEW AND IMPORTANT FIGURE IN THE FORMULATION OF FRG TRADE POLICY (REFTEL B), ADVISED THAT THE FRG POSITIONS DURING THE MARCH 19-20 MEETING WOULD BE SIMILAR TO OURS ON MOST ISSUES, EXCEPT AGRICULTURE. SHE AGREED ON THE DESIRABILITY OF A SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS THAT WOULD PREPARE THE WAY FOR PROGRESS IN THE SCNS' S WORK ON INVESTMENT AND THE TRADE COMMITTEE' S EFFORTS ON SAFEGUARDS. SHE SAID THE FRG WOULD SUPPORT THE CREATION OF THE AD HOC GROUP. SHE WAS VERY NEGATIVE, HOWEVER, ON THE AGRICULTURAL STUDY BY OUTSIDE EXPERTS. END SUMMARY.

2. AS INSTRUCTED IN REFTEL A, WE DISCUSSED THE UPCOMING XCNS MEETING WITH THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY' S NEWLY APPOINTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY FRAU STEEG. RITTMEYER (OECD AFFAIRS) AND ABEL (INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY AFFAIRS) ALSO PARTICIPATED. FRAU STEEG WAS GENERALLY FORTHCOMING AND HELPFUL IN HER COMMENTS, DISPLAYED A FIRM GRIP ON HER NEW AREAS OF COMPETENCE, AND GAVE THE GENERAL IMPRESSION OF SELF- ASSURANCE. THE XCNS MEETING AFFORDS AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY FOR FRAU STEEG TO MEET KEY U. S. OFFICIALS.

3. OTHER MEMBERSOF THE GERMAN DELEGATION TO THE MARCH 19-20 MEETING
WILL INCLUDE LAUTENSCHLAGER (FOREIGN OFFICE, EUROPEAN INTEGRATION), RITTMEYER, AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FINANCE MINISTRY.

4. IN RESPONDING TO OUR REPRESENTATION, FRAU STEEG PROVIDED THE PRELIMINARY FRG THINKING REGARDING THE UPCOMING MEETING; THE FORMAL POSITION WILL BE WORKED OUT LATE IN THE WEEK, BUT SHE DOES NOT EXPECT ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES.

5. THE FRG RRSPONSE TO OUR REPRESENTATIONS ON SPECIFIC ITEMS FOLLOWS:

A) AGENDA ITEM 1 - INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS SITUATION
OUR SOURCES INDICATED GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE DESIRABILITY FOR QUICKER PROGRESS IN THE OECD' S RELATED WORK ON INVESTMENT,
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

SAFEGUARDS AND NTB' S BUT NOT AGRICULTURE.

B) AGENDA ITEM 2 - INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT
THE FRG WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY WITH THE SECRETARIAT' S PROPOSALS ON DIRECT INVESTMENT. IT AGREES THAT THE SUBJECT OF MNCS AND DIRECT INVESTMENT NEEDS ADDITIONAL STUDY TO FILL IN THE GAPS IN KNOWLEDGE AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR THE FORMULATION OF PRINCIPLES AND UNDERSTANDINGS AMONG NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS.

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

STEEG CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THE STUDY SHOULD NOT BE " OVERLY AMBITIOUS" SO THAT IT DOES NOT END UP AS AN " UNUSED DESK STUDY". SINCE IT IS DIFFICULT FOR GOVERNMENTS TO CONTROL THE OPERATIONS OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY, SHE THINKS NEXT WEEK' S MEETING SHOULD SEEK TO DEFINE BROADLY THE EXTENT OF THE STUDY, LEAVING THE DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT AT THE NEXT MEETING. SHE IMPLIED THAT AN FRG STATEMENT REGARDING ITS POLICIES ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT COULD BE READY FOR THE NEXT MEETING. SHE ALSO CONFIRMED FRG SUPPORT FOR THE AD HOC GROUP AND THE NEED FOR IT TO PRODUCE EARLY CONCLUSIONS.

C) ITEM 3 - SAFEGUARD CLAUSE AND STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT POLICIES

A. OUR SOURCES PRAISED THE SECRETARIAT' S PAPER ON SAFEGUARDS. THEY SAID THEIR EARLIER MISGIVINGS REGARDING POSSIBLE DUPLICATION OF WORK BEING DONE IN THE GATT HAD BEEN OVERCOME. THE FRG WAS NOW PREPARED TO ADMIT THAT THE OECD COULD PERFORM A USEFUL FUNCTION IN GIVING AN " OVERALL VIEW" TO THE SUBJECT. RITTMEYER COMMENTED THAT CARE MUST STILL BE TAKEN TO AVOID INTERFERENCE WITH GATT AND ENVISIONED THE OECD SAFEGUARD STUDY AS BEING MORE IN THE CONTEXT OF STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENTS.

B. STEEG AND RITTMEYER DID NOT RPT NOT EXPECT THE XCNS MEETING TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE TO THE TRADE COMMITTEE ON SAFEGUARDS. THE MANDATE AND SCOPE OF THE STUDY SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE TRADE COMMITTEE ITSELF, THEY SAID.

C. STEEG GAVE A FLAT " NO" TO OUR REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL FOR OUTSIDE EXPERTS TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF LIBERALIZATION IN AGRICULTURE. SHE SAID THAT FOR POLITICAL, AS WELL AS ECONOMIC REASONS, AGRICULTURE MUST BE DEALT WITH IN THE GATT. STEEG ADMITTED THAT AN ASSESSMENT BY OUTSIDE EXPERTS MIGHT BE HELPFUL AT A LATER DATE, BUT EMPHATICALLY

HELD THAT IT WAS PREMATURE NOW. TO " START DOWN A ROAD THAT WILL LEAD NOWHERE" WOULD BE HARMFUL, SHE SAID, FOR IT WOULD AROUSE THE " SLEEPING PROTECTIONIST WOLVES" BETTER LEFT SLUMBERING FOR THE TIME BEING. SHE SAID SHE WAS NOT RULING OUT DISCUSSION ON AGRICULTURE IN THE FUTURE, BUT GAVE NOTICE THAT THE GERMANS WOULD OPPOSE SUCH DISCUSSION AT THE MARCH 19-20 XCNS MEETING.

D. THE FRG AGREES THAT THE TRADE COMMITTEE SHOULD DEAL WITH NTB' S AND SHOULD PREPARE A REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

E. STEEG NOTED THAT THE FRG DID NOT REGARD THE OECD AS THE BEST FORUM TO DISCUSS EAST/ WEST TRADE. CARE HAD TO BE TAKEN

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

NOT TO DUPLICATE THE WORK OF ECE. ON THE OTHER HAND, STEEG REPEATED MINISTER FRIDERICHS' DESIRE TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT MORE FULLY ON A BILATERAL FRG- US BASIS (REFTEL C). STEEG EMPHASIZED THAT, UNTIL THE WESTERN STATES ARE READY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF COMPETITION ON CREDIT TERMS, VERY LITTLE PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE IN AGREEING TO A COMMON ATTITUDE TOWARD EAST/ WEST TRADE.

D) ITEM 4 - DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
RITTMEYER STATED THAT THE MAIN TASK OF THE SECRETARIAT IN THIS AREA IS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR BETTER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TRADE COMMITTEE AND DAC. THE FRG, HE SAID, WOULD NOT OBJECT TO COMMON SESSIONS OF THE TWO COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO TALK ABOUT SPECIFICS.
HILLENBRAND

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 07 MAY 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 MAR 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: worrelsw
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973BONN03802
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730348/abqceefb.tel
Line Count: 180
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: A. STATE 41984; B. BONN 3492; C. BONN 2866
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: worrelsw
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 JUL 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <24-Jul-2001 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <23-Aug-2001 by worrelsw>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> wfs 971208
Subject: OECD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEW STYLE
TAGS: EGEN, GM, GR, SZ, TU, US, OECD
To: STATE INFO ANKARA
ATHENS
BERN
BRUSSELS
CANBERRA
COPENHAGEN
DUBLIN

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

THE HAGUE
HELSINKI
LISBON
LONDON
LUXEMBOURG
MADRID
OSLO
OTTAWA
PARIS
ROME
STOCKHOLM
TOKYO
VIENNA
GENEVA
EC BRUSSELS UNN
OECD PARIS UNN
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005